# **Communication in cancer care**

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Positive opinion **Status** Recruitment stopped

Health condition type

Study type Interventional

# **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON23405

**Source** NTR

**Brief title** 

Communication in cancer care

**Health condition** 

Cancer

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Leiden University, Department of Psychology

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Dutch Cancer Society (10392)

#### Intervention

#### Outcome measures

## **Primary outcome**

Anxiety

### **Secondary outcome**

Psychological outcomes (e.g. satisfaction, trust, self-efficacy, time impression); anticipated physical outcomes (e.g. side-effects); cognitive outcomes (e.g. feeling informed); manipulation check

# **Study description**

### **Background summary**

We cannot provide detailed information about our study, as this might influence participants' outcomes. Please do contact us if you need further information.

We can say the following: Communication is one of the cornerstones of medicine. Especially when patients are confronted with a serious life-limiting illness such as advanced cancer, and when making difficult treatment decisions affecting quality and quantity of life, communication is of utmost importance. We, however, do not always know what good communication constitutes of. In this project we will determine whether specific communication can improve patient-reported outcomes in the setting of advanced (breast)cancer.

To do so, a scripted video-vignette study will be conducted. Using a 2x2 design four role-played video-vignettes are developed of a consultation between a breast cancer patient in the advanced stage of the disease and an oncologist. In the different vignettes, all communication is held equal but only 2 specific communication elements are varied (absent/present). This makes it possible to determine the causal effects of the manipulated communication on patient outcomes. Participants (both women with and without cancer) will participate in the online study. They will watch one video and are instructed to place themselves in the shoes of the video-patient. Pre- and post- video they will complete several questionnaires.

## **Study objective**

We will test the effect of specific communication interventions and hypothesize that specific interventions will lead to better participant-reported outcomes. We cannot provide detailed information about our hypothesis upfront, as this might influence participants' outcomes. Please do contact us if you need further information.

#### Study design

Pre- and post video questionnaires will be completed.

#### Intervention

We cannot provide detailed information about our interventions upfront, as this might influence participants' outcomes. Please do contact us if you need further information.

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# **Eligibility criteria**

### Inclusion criteria

- Being a female who: a) never had cancer; b) is a cancer patient (irrespectively of whether curative treatment options are still available), ci) is a cancer survivor
- 18 years or older
- Sufficient command of the Dutch language

## **Exclusion criteria**

• Female cancer patients being in the terminal phase of their disease

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

Control: Active

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Recruitment stopped

Start date (anticipated): 08-02-2021

Enrollment: 144

Type: Actual

## **IPD** sharing statement

Plan to share IPD: Undecided

Plan description

NA

## **Ethics review**

Positive opinion

Date: 21-10-2020

Application type: First submission

# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

### **Register ID**

NTR-new NL8992

Other Psychology Research Ethics Committee University Leiden (CEP): CEP 2020-10-14-

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# **Study results**

## **Summary results**

Articles from the study will be published in peer-reviewed journals and a lay person summary will be created